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SUBJECT: SIXTEEN POLICE OFFICERS TO BE PROSECUTED

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1. SPOKESMAN FOR THE DOMINICAN NATIONAL POLICE ANNOUNCED MAY 6 THAT SIXTEEN POLICE OFFICERS, INCLUDING THREE LIEUTENANTS, ONE SERGEANT, ONE CORPORAL AND 11 PRIVATES, WILL BE TRIED IN POLICE COURT FOR THE APRIL 4 VIOLENCE AT LICEO JUAN PABLO DUARTE IN WHICH ONE STUDENT WAS KILLED AND SOME 70 INJURED (REFTEL). DECISION TO PROSECUTE THE 16 OFFICERS FOLLOWED INVESTIGATION BY POLICE COMMISSION ESTABLISHED AT ORDER OF PRESIDENT BALAGUER.

2. COMMENT: FILING OF CHARGES AGAINST THESE POLICE OFFICERS, TOGETHER WITH APRIL 18 DISMISSAL OF EXECUTIVE DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE, COL. DANILO ROLANDO MARTINEZ FERNANDEZ (WHO WAS ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE AT TIME OF INCIDENT) MAY RELIEVE SOME OF HOSTILITY DEMONSTRATED BY STUDENTS, GENERAL PUBLIC AND PRESS OVER THE UNNECESSARY BRUTALITY DISPLAYED BY THE POLICE. IT MAY ALSO ADD TO CREDIBILITY OF PRESIDENT'S REACTION TO EVENT. HE HAD PUBLICLY CASTIGATED POLICE AND CALLED FOR PURGE OF ELEMENTS LACKING RESPECT FOR CITIZENS' RIGHTS.

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